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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: TENMEI, et al.  
Application No.: 09/698,168  
Filed: October 30, 2000  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS INCLUDING INSULATING LAYER HAVING A PROTRUSIVE PORTION (As Amended)  
Art Unit: 2814  
Examiner: D. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312**

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February 13, 2004

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**